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INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
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USACC FT BUCHANAN NOT ADDEE PASS GOVERNOR PUERTO RICO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY TUNISIAN PERMREP TO PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) CUTTER/SOMOHANO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF  
JANUARY 26, (B) USUN 0183 (NOTAL)

1. USUN HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS HAVE  
BEEN MADE FOR THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS, MAHMOUD MESTIRI: ARRIVE SAN JUAN  
4:58 P.M., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
939. DEPART SAN JUAN AT 10:40 A.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
10, ABOARD EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT 958.

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2. MESTIRI WAS BORN DECEMBER 25, 1929, AND GRADUATED  
FROM THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES IN LYONS,  
FRANCE. HE HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER, INCLUDING  
ASSIGNMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK IN 1956-60; CHIEF  
OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION IN THE TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY,  
1964-65; PERMREP TO THE UNITED NATIONS 1967-69; SECRETARY

GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, 1973;  
AND AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1974. HE WAS  
REASSIGNED TO NEW YORK AS PERMREP TO THE UN IN THE LATTER  
PART OF 1976. HE IS DIVORCED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR MESTIRI  
TO MEET THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEADERS OR SPOKESMEN FOR  
EACH OF THE OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES, AND LEADING  
JOURNALISTS OR NEWSPAPER EDITORS. IN ADDITION, MESTIRI  
WILL BE INTERESTED IN PUERTO RICAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS  
AND HAS INDICATED A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MEETING TOURISM  
OFFICIALS, AS THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY IN TUNISIA.  
HE WILL ALSO WISH TO VIEW POINTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORIC  
AND SCENIC INTEREST.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED MESTIRI THAT HE WILL BE STAYING AT  
THE LA CONCHA HOTEL COMPLEX AS A GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF PUERTO RICO AND THAT HE WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY  
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. LUIS RUBIN. WE HAVE TOLD HIM  
THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HIS IN-  
FORMATION PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK ON  
FEBRUARY 6. WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING A SCHEDULE  
AS SOON AS ONE CAN BE PUT TOGETHER.

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